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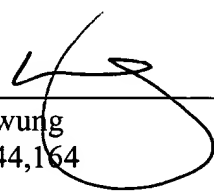
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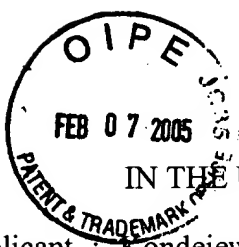
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COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner, in the statement of reasons for allowance, has identified a coiled-coil polypeptide with certain elements, and indicated that the art of record does not teach or suggest such a polypeptide. Applicants submit that this is not an accurate characterization of the scope of the claimed subject matter, which may or may not include the specified elements. For example, the Examiner stated that the $(b_i c_i e_i f_i g_i)_n$ in the polypeptide is a sequence of amino acids from a solvent-accessible region of an epitope from a selected natural protein having an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7. However, most of the claims do not recite that the amino acid sequence is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6 and SEQ ID NO:7. Applicants therefore submit that the claims are not so limited as indicated by the Examiner in the statement of reasons for allowance.

Due to the number of claims, Applicants would not attempt to compare the scope of each claim to the elements recited by the Examiner. It should be noted that by not commenting specifically on each claim vis-à-vis the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, Applicants do not imply agreement with or acquiesce in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

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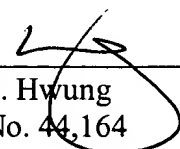
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